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10TH ANNUAL LAKESHORE CLASSIC BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and respect that I recognize the Gary Chamber of Commerce as the organization celebrates the 10th Annual Lakeshore Classic basketball invitational. In observance of this special event, the Gary Chamber of Commerce hosted a celebratory corporate luncheon in Gary, Indiana, at the Diamond Center on Tuesday, November 21, 2017, followed by the basketball invitational at West Side Leadership Academy on Friday, November 24, 2017, and Saturday, November 25, 2017.

The theme for this year's Lakeshore Classic is "Region Proud." This theme acknowledges the important contributions of our local youth in illuminating the strength and virtues of Northwest Indiana. Northwest Indiana is a region that strives for excellence and overcomes obstacles. To enhance the "Region Proud" theme, the Gary Chamber of Commerce has chosen Mike Huff, former Chicago White Sox player and team representative, as a guest speaker for the corporate luncheon. Mr. Huff played for several teams and overcame various challenges throughout his outstanding professional baseball career. Today, Mike is Vice President—Baseball/Fastpitch, Outfield, Bunting and Baserunning Instructor at the Bulls/Sox Youth Academy, located in the Chicagoland area. The Bulls/Sox Youth Academy is a facility that provides instruction to youth athletes in the sports of basketball, baseball, and fastpitch softball. Mike is dedicated to improving their skills and building the self-esteem of each young athlete that comes through the door. For his truly genuine and outstanding support of these young athletes, Mr. Huff is worthy of our gratitude and respect.

At this time, I would like to recognize the schools participating in the Lakeshore Classic basketball tournament. These schools are dedicated to positively impacting Northwest Indiana through academic excellence and sportsmanship. The participating schools include West Side Leadership Academy, East Chicago Central High School, Thea Bowman Academy, Chicago Farragut Career Academy, Gary Theodore Roosevelt College and Career Academy, and Michigan City Marquette Catholic High School.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing the Gary Chamber of Commerce and the organizers and sponsors of the 10th Annual Lakeshore Classic. Their influence, passion, and dedication to our youth and to the community in Northwest Indiana are truly commendable.

RECOGNIZING SKANEATELES HIGH SCHOOL BOYS FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the victory of the Skaneateles High School Boys Football team in the New York State Championship game on Friday, November 24th. The Skaneateles Lakers defeated Holy Trinity Pride by a score of 28–25 for its first football state championship in the school's history.

After ending the first half only up two points, the Lakers fought hard and worked as a team to score two more touchdowns in the second half of the game. Junior Patrick Hackler, who led his team to victory as captain and as the quarterback, received the championship game's Most Valuable Player Award.

The Lakers finished their season with a 12–1 record due to the hard work of seniors Jacob Nesbitt, John Ryan, Tyler Schneider, Hunter Woodruff, James Leubner, Hunter Dart, Jon Ricklefs, Jared Calapari, Haas Tehan, TJ Greenfield, Scott Ochsner, Cross Bianchi, and Tom Scherrer; juniors Craig Scherrer, Areh Boni, Patrick Hackler, Luke Viggiano, William McGlynn, John Danforth, Carter Blake, Will Frank, Jimmy Liberatore, Oliver Weir, Solomon Landsberg, Nathan Squires, Nathan Wellington, and Jack Carlike; sophomores Caden Custer, Nick Wamp, Avery Rodgers, and Billy Richards; and freshmen Alex Goethe, Jack Comer, Ken Byrne, Nathaniel Congel, Colin Cox, Ben Euto, James Falso, Jack Mannigan, Mason Michel, Christian Miles-Pizzoleo, Hunter Simmons, and Calen Van Holtz. The team was coached by Joe Sindoni, an exceptional leader with an accomplished football résumé.

Lakers played with dedication and respect throughout the entire season. This hard-earned championship is something these teammates will cherish for the rest of their lives. I commend the hard work, commitment, and teamwork displayed by these young men. Excellence on the field translates to excellence off the field and the practice of sacrificing for the common goal builds character in our children. I could not be more proud to congratulate these young men on their tremendous season.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, on November 28th and 29th, I am not recorded on four votes because I was absent due to illness.

Had I been present, I would have voted: Yes on Roll Call 638, the Fowler and Boskoff Peaks Designation Act; Yes on Roll Call 639, the Superior National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2017; Yes on Roll Call 640, ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 631; and Yes on Roll Call 641, the combined rule providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 3017 and H.R. 3905.

PROCLAMATION FOR PASTOR INELLA R. MATTOX

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation for Pastor Inella R. Mattox:

Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of this one woman who has given of herself to her family, church, community, and nation; and

Whereas, Pastor Inella R. Mattox good works are present throughout the state of Georgia as an exemplary mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, neighbor, community worker, minister and friend; and

Whereas, this giant of a woman, who was reared up in Senoia, Georgia, moved to Atlanta, Georgia, when she was 17, was born on June 7, 1937, to the late Robert Lewis Rush and Bethenia Rush; and

Whereas, Pastor Inella Mattox was a virtuous woman, a woman of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of her community and family which in turn uplifted others; and

Whereas, she was an exemplary matriarch, serving as compass and wise counselor and bringing great joy to her church New Creation, our district, her family and friends; and

Whereas, Pastor Mattox loved her family; encouraging all of those around her to make a difference, be it her children, her friends, her neighbors and her church members at the New Creation Church in Decatur, Georgia where she served as founder and pastor; and

Whereas, this remarkable woman gave of herself, never asking for fame or fortune as she became a quiet storm, a spark that starts a flame; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a Congressional Recognition on Pastor Inella R. Mattox for her leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens of Georgia and the nation; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby attest to the 115th Congress that Pastor Inella R. Mattox of Decatur, DeKalb County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Recognition" Pastor Inella R. Mattox, U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Proclaimed, this 1st day of June, 2017.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF RANDY DEANDA

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Mrs. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Randy DeAnda of the City of Rialto in my district on the occasion of his retirement from a lifetime of exemplary public service to the communities of the Inland Empire.

Chief DeAnda has been a police officer for 31 years, 25 of which have been with the City of Rialto. My district has benefitted greatly over the years from his qualified background in community safety. He received his Bachelor's degree in Workforce Education and Development, he is a graduate of both the Peace

Officer Standards and Training Executive Leadership Command College and the Police Executive Research Forum Senior Management Institute, and is a member of the California Police Chief's Association and the San Bernardino County Police Chief's Association.

Chief DeAnda's 31 years of service led him from the rank of corporal to Police Captain to now the current head of the Rialto Police Department. His career and expertise have allowed him to serve in various capacities including as a Field Training Officer, Gang Detective, Narcotics Investigator, Street Crime Attack Team Officer, Department SWAT team member, and Department Press Information Officer. Throughout his tenure, he was involved in several undercover narcotic sting operations and gang sweeps—all of which has helped our communities become a little safer. As a member of both the California Gang Investigators' Association and the California Narcotics Officers' Association, he is considered an expert in gangs and narcotics where he has worked and testified on a number of high profile cases involving career criminals.

In service to the Inland Empire, Chief DeAnda has provided leadership and supervision over the Area Command Program and its projects. To name a few, these projects include the City of Rialto's first gang injunction, the beautification of Citrus Grove housing complex and other multi-housing developments as well as community based organizations like the Neighborhood Watch and National Night Out.

For his extraordinary accomplishments, it is my honor to recognize Chief Randy DeAnda on the House floor today. His 25 years of commitment and contributions to the City of Rialto and the greater community of the Inland Empire are worthy of commending and admiration.

POSTHUMOUSLY HONORING DETECTIVE SEAN SUITER OF PENNSYLVANIA ON HIS SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HIS CAREER IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I extend my sincere condolences to the family, peers and loved ones of my constituent, Detective Sean Suiter of the Baltimore City Police Department, who was killed in the Line of Duty on November 16, 2017. We are grateful for his many, dedicated years of service as a law enforcement officer and grieve his passing.

I've long appreciated the commitment of people who devote themselves selflessly to serving our Nation and communities. Detective Suiter served in the United States Army from 1992 to 1998, after which he began his 18-year service with the Baltimore City Police—where he ultimately earned promotion to the rank of Detective.

Detective Suiter's peers describe a conscientious and dedicated officer who "operated beyond his years." One colleague recalled a recent incident when a man who

Suiter criminally pursued in the past, approached Suiter to say that he was now employed, and thanked Suiter for always treating him with respect. Detective Suiter's neighbors in Conewago Township, York County, recall, ". . . a nice man who always stopped in to say hello."

Detective Suiter's tireless dedication, professionalism and sacrifice touched the lives of countless people. His legacy of service to our Nation and communities will endure, and his loss will be felt in significant and myriad ways.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, I offer my heartfelt condolences to Detective Suiter's family, friends and colleagues on this tragic loss. I thank him and Godspeed, brother. He will remain in my heart and prayers.

PROCLAMATION FOR MS. EMILY JONES

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation for Ms. Emily Jones:

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service; and

Whereas, Ms. Emily Jones has answered that call by giving of herself as an educator at Dunaire Elementary, and as a beloved daughter, sister, mother and friend; and

Whereas, Ms. Jones has been chosen as the 2017 Teacher of the Year, representing Dunaire Elementary school; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents for the betterment of our community and our nation through her tireless works, motivational speeches and words of wisdom; and

Whereas, Ms. Jones is a virtuous woman, a courageous woman and a fearless leader who has shared her vision, talents and passion to help ensure that our children receive an education that is relevant for today and necessary for a productive future, because she truly understands that our children are the future; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Emily Jones for her leadership and service to our District and in recognition of this singular honor as 2017 Teacher of the Year at Dunaire Elementary School; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 22, 2017 as Ms. Emily Jones Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 22nd day of May, 2017.

IN HONOR OF THE USS "DALLAS" DECOMMISSIONING ON DECEMBER 5TH, 2017

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the USS *Dallas* (SSN-700) sub-

marine and the outstanding sailors who have served as her crew since her commissioning on July 18, 1981. On December 5th, 2017, this storied submarine will be decommissioned and leave the active United States Navy fleet.

The USS *Dallas* is the first vessel to be named after the City of Dallas, Texas. Her exceptional crew have served tirelessly to ensure that America remains the preeminent naval power on the globe. Before retirement, the USS *Dallas* was the second oldest active Los Angeles-class submarine, and over the course of her 36 years of service, the USS *Dallas* has been manned by over 250 officers and over 1,500 enlisted personnel.

The USS *Dallas*' keel was laid down on October 9th 1976, and finally launched in April of 1979. The USS *Dallas* was commissioned by the Navy in July of 1981, and in 1984 she took on a role in OPERATION ATTAIN DOCUMENT III, a naval freedom of navigation operation. After being upgraded during the Navy's first Depot Modernization Period, the USS *Dallas* operated in support of Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm from August 1990 through January of 1991. In January of 1992, the USS *Dallas* and her crew received the "Golden Anchor" award of 1991 for excelling in all aspects of retention categories.

By the end of her first 10 years in service, the USS *Dallas* had completed one deployment to the Indian Ocean, two Mediterranean deployments, and one deployment to the North Atlantic. During this time she had received two Meritorious Unit Commendations, two Navy Unit Commendations, and was awarded the Battle Efficiency "E" for excellence in overall readiness of the command to carry out its wartime tasks. Shortly after completing a deployment in 2014, the USS *Dallas* earned its seventh Battle "E" award, with previous honors in 1986, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1999, and 2000.

In February of 1998, the USS *Dallas* became the first Los Angeles-class submarine to be fitted for a dry-deck shelter, allowing her to insert or extract special operations forces and their equipment. In 2000, the USS *Dallas* completed a Mediterranean deployment and supported the NATO submarine escape and rescue exercise program. During her last few deployments, the USS *Dallas* served in the Central Command area, which includes the Red Sea, the Gulf of Oman, the Persian Gulf, and the Arabian Sea, and she sailed over 30,000 nautical miles during numerous months at sea.

The boat and her crew, through their years of dedicated service, have lived up to the USS *Dallas*' motto, "First in Harm's Way," and I know that the crew of the USS *Dallas* will continue the hunt for excellence throughout their lives. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the USS *Dallas* and the incredible men and women who served as her crew. It is a privilege to commend them upon the conclusion of the USS *Dallas*' service. I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring the USS *Dallas* upon her decommissioning.